

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Parks and Recreation

At its meeting held September 20, 2005, the Board, acting as the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“On February 24, 2005, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) received a grant award in the amount of \$5.15 million from the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), and on March 29, 2005, the DPR received a Proposition A Excess Funds grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for the acquisition of several specific parcels of land for open space preservation in the Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor (MCCC). The MCCC is located on the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains and north of the Cities of La Verne and Claremont. DPR is working with the Chief Administrative Office, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) relative to the various land acquisitions and to date, has acquired title to one property adjacent to the Marshall Canyon Golf Course.

“A management agreement for this and a nearby property, the Robinson-Mistretta property, already in escrow has been executed by and between DPR and SGMRC whereby this conservancy shall manage and maintain the properties.

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“Recently, the City of La Verne and DPR communicated relative to taking title to all of the properties listed in the grant agreement within their City, including the one in escrow, for a wilderness park. In addition, the TPL proposed to DPR that both grants be assigned to their agency to administer the grants for the purpose of streamlining the acquisition process. DPR concurs with both proposals in the interest of expediting the overall acquisition process and enabling the City of La Verne to create a wilderness park. On July 18, 2005, the La Verne City Council provided preliminary authorization for the acquisition of these properties for a wilderness park through the use of the WCB grant and Proposition A funds. To accomplish this effort with the City and streamline the process, the grants awarded by the WCB and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to DPR should be reassigned to TPL as the grantee for the project.

“In addition, the escrow, Purchase and Sale Agreement, and management agreement with SGMRC for the one property currently in the acquisition process should be cancelled or assigned to allow the City of La Verne to include it with the other properties in the proposed wilderness park.”

Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Antonovich, and on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board, acting as the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), took the following actions:

1. Approved the assignment of the grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) grant in amount of \$5.15 million and Proposition A Excess Funds grant in amount of \$500,000, to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to streamline the acquisition of several specific parcels of land for open space preservation in the Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor to enable the City of La Verne to create a wilderness park;
2. Approved and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the necessary documents for the cancellation or assignment of escrow and purchase and sale agreement with TPL;

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3. Approved and authorized the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute amendment to the management agreement with the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy to remove the Robinson-Mistretta property; and to execute all necessary documents to effect assignment of WCB grant funds to TPL, when applicable conditions have been met and to effect the assignment of the Proposition A grant funds to TPL, when applicable conditions have been met pursuant to the RPOSD's Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects; and
4. Authorized the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Chief Administrative Officer to take any and all other actions as may be necessary to effect the above transfers and acquisitions.

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